

Student Technology Requirements

Discovery Christian College has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program which incorporates Windows laptops and Chromebooks in our College. The following information answers the most commonly asked questions about our BYOD program.

Is BYOD compulsory?

It is expected that students from years 9-12 will have their own Chromebook or Windows laptop device to access the learning materials for each of their classes. Students must bring their laptop to school each day, ensuring it is fully charged, and bring their charging cable each day. Students in Primary grades will have access to College-owned devices within their classrooms, when necessary.

What type of device is required?

A Windows laptop or Chromebook is required, as this is the primary operating system within the College and hence will enable ease in the transfer and sharing of documents. Apple laptops and devices are not supported by the College.

Do you recommend a specific laptop?

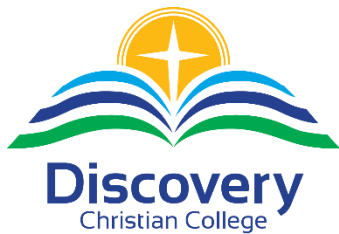
Discovery Christian College has partnered with the Hewlett Packard BYOD Program. Families from Discovery Christian College are able to purchase from a range of approved laptops and Chromebooks via this program. As the program is in partnership with HP we are able to also access discounted prices, and payment plans if you require. Visit <https://www.hp.com/au-en/shop/byod-store> and log in using the code **DiscoveryCC** to view the range of approved laptops and commence your purchase.

Do I have to purchase via the HP BYOD program?

No, you do not. If you do wish to purchase a laptop other than one of the recommended models you may do so, but please ensure it meets the minimum requirements in order to operate on our systems. To effectively run all required programs if the device is a Windows laptop, it must have a minimum i5 processor with at least 8GB of RAM and a 250GB Hard Drive. If the device is a Chromebook, it is recommended it has at least 8gb of RAM. Note that Apple laptops and devices are not supported.

Can students use iPads or Tablets?

No. The default learning device for all students is a laptop computer. This enables more efficient word processing and the use of specific applications purchased for use by the College.



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Can students use their mobile phones?

No. Phones are not an acceptable device for classroom use and the College's mobile phone policy will still be enforced.

What other costs are involved?

There are no additional costs charged by the College for BYOD. However, any repairs or maintenance on a student-owned device is the responsibility of the family. If a student laptop has been sent away for repair and they do not have a laptop to use, the College must be notified so that alternative arrangements can be made for the student, if necessary, to ensure that their learning is not impacted.

What if I cannot afford a new device?

Families who are experiencing financial hardship can apply for a laptop to hire on a term by term basis. The College has a limited number of laptops available for hire so we encourage families to make their applications as early as possible. A nominal \$50.00 per term is charged to hire laptops.